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SURFACE-EMITTING LIGHT EMITTING DEVICE, MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR THE SAME, OPTICAL MODULE, AND OPTICAL TRANSMISSION APPARATUS

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